



Autumn Term Week 2 – 19th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school and would like to thank you for ensuring such a positive start to the new term. It has been wonderful to see pupils arriving promptly, ready to learn, and demonstrating excellent attendance. This commitment gives them the very best chance to thrive in all areas of school life.

As always, our school values of **Courage, Compassion and Ambition** are at the heart of everything we do.

Already this term, we have seen pupils showing courage in tackling new challenges, compassion in supporting one another, and ambition in their attitude towards learning. We are very proud of how they have embraced the start of the year.

A special thank you goes to our Year 6 pupils, who have shown great dedication to the school by applying for and successfully taking on school leadership roles as monitors. Their commitment, responsibility, and willingness to serve as role models to younger pupils are already making a positive impact across the school community.

There are lots of exciting events coming up this term, and we are looking forward to sharing these experiences with you and the pupils. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and inspiring school environment.

Together, with your encouragement and the pupils' dedication, we are confident this term will be full of success and memorable moments.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

Our future successes are built on the work we do today.

Dates for the diary

September

1st – Secondary Open Morning
@ 9.30am

October

10th – Flu Vaccinations

10th – Class 4/5 Harvest Festival
Assembly @ 9.00am Cube

15th – Y6 Junior Life Skills,
Dartmouth Leisure Centre

22nd – Class 1/2 Slapton Trip

23rd – Food Festival

27th – Half Term

November

12th – Primary Open Morning @
9.30am

18th & 19th – Parents' Evening

19th – Reception class cinema
trip

December

1st – Non-pupil day

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by Year Group:

Reception – 93%

Year 1 – 93%

Year 2 – 93.4%

Year 3 – 99.1%

Year 4 – 96.8%

Year 5 – 98.2%

Year 6 – 96.1%

Year 7 – 97.1%

Year 8 – 94.5%

Year 9 – 93.5%

Year 10 – 94.8%

Year 11 – 94.7%

School attendance for the year so far is currently

95.1 %

Thank you for supporting our target of 96%

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Adaline G – Nursery

Asma J – Reception/Y1

Kyler G – Class 1/2

Scarlett W – Class 2/3

Jaden M – Class 4/5

Mia-Rose M – Class 6



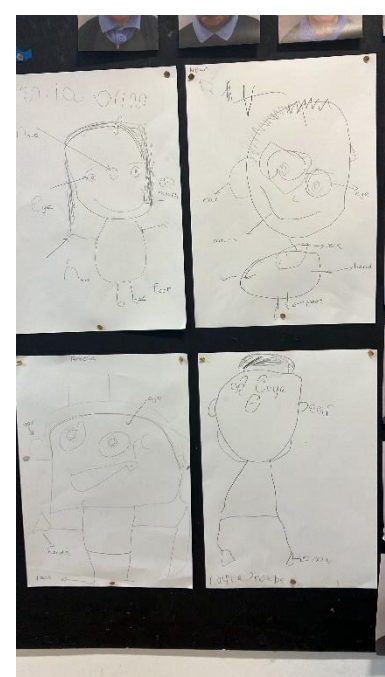
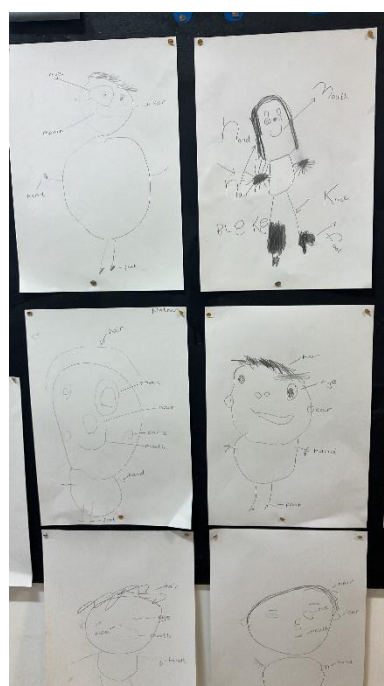
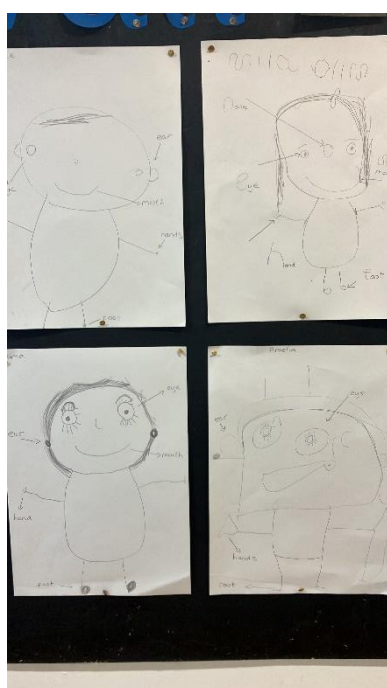
What have we been up to:

Class 6 have risen to the responsibility of becoming monitors for the primary phase! They applied to be playground monitors, computing monitors, eco monitors, resources monitors, assembly monitors and library monitors and were carefully chosen based on their leadership skills they listed in their applications. Well done to them all!



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Welcome all our new school starters in the reception class.
We love your paintings and drawings as we find out "All about ourselves."



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Could we ask all parents to pay particular attention to your child's hair. Although many of you are regularly using the combing with conditioner method, we still have an outbreak of head lice in our school. Please see suggested routine below. If you are concerned and need advice, please contact your local chemist.

If your child has long hair, please ensure this is tied back at school.

How to get rid of head lice

Important:

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

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WEDNESDAY: 3.15 -4.15

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THE SALTY OLD SEA DOG

Written by Erin Allgrove
Illustrated by Emily Langstaff-Ellis

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The Story

Bob sets sail at dawn, leaving the safety of his harbour for the open ocean. He meets a series of mysterious and sometimes scary sea creatures before his ship is wrecked in a violent thunderstorm. Bob is rescued from an untimely end and meets an unlikely shipmate in the process.

Praise for Bosun Bob, The Salty Old Sea Dog

'This beautiful story and stunning illustrations really celebrate our oceans and the fascinating creatures who call it home. A book for children and grown-ups to enjoy together and treasure for generations to come.'

Andy Cooper, Editor, Coast Magazine

'A beautifully written book, wonderfully illustrated with engaging characters that jump off the page. Very much enjoyed by our grandchildren who eagerly await Bob's further salty adventures.'

Reader Review online

'An exciting, lighthearted tale of a hardy seafaring dog and his adventures at sea, the stunning illustrations really celebrate the ocean and the fascinating creatures that live there. A wonderful book to grow up with. Perfect for children aged 0-8 to read at bedtime.'

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Erin Allgrove and Emily Langstaff-Ellis

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